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South Simcoe Police Constable Henry Geoffroy prepares a target, during a demonstration of Conducted Energy Weapons, or tasers, at the March 25 meeting of the BWG-Innisfil Police Services Board. PC Geoffroy explained that while the voltage is extremely high - 50,000 volts - the current is low, which makes the weapons safe but effective, as the electrical pulse disrupts communication between the brain and the muscles, basically incapacitating a suspect. Tasers do not cause nerve damage, do not interfere with pacemakers, and do not cause death, he said; where tasers have been related to a death, investigation has found a pre-existing condition, such as heart attack or "excited delirium" which could have led to death in any case.

As a use of force option for "assaultive" suspects, its effects are not as long-lasting as pepper spray. "And high-velocity lead?" Typically longer-lasting," said Geoffroy. He also explained the origin of the name, "taser," seen in its holster in the photo: the inventor, a sci-fi buff, called his device the "Thomas A. Swift Electric Rifle."

PSB responds to Police Costing

There were some verbal clashes at the Bradford West Gwillimbury-Innisfil Police Services Board Meeting on March 25, a meeting that dealt with ordinary police business for the South Simcoe Police Service, but also requests from the partner municipalities, regarding the OPP "costing" for police service.

The Board also welcomed special guest Duane Sprague, Police Services Advisor with the Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services, who provided some insight into the steps ahead.

The Board received requests from the Town of Innisfil and Town of BWG, for a presentation by South Simcoe Police Chief Rick Beazley, in response to the OPP costing proposals. The Board was asked to direct the Chief to speak with BWG Council on April 18, and Innisfil Council on May 1 - with both municipalities promising a decision on policing by the end of June.

The Innisfil letter also included a request for assistance from Chief Beazley in interpreting statistics on police calls, as part of a proposal to re-open the cost-sharing agreement with Bradford; and a request for a costing for a stand-alone Innisfil-only South Simcoe Police Service.

"I can't really come up with a separate costing, with any certainty," replied the Chief.

"There are too many variables and too many unknowns." The service has always been shared between the 2 municipalities; to "disentangle" costs "is difficult for me to assess."

"I also understand it's very difficult to take apart what does exist, and Lego-block it into a new Police Service,"

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AWARE Simcoe's alternative vision

Are residents of Simcoe County too enamoured of growth - too easily persuaded that growth and development are necessary for economic prosperity?

AWARE Simcoe, a local environmental awareness action group, believes so - and has released its own "Vision for Simcoe County," as a response to the Province's Growth Plan for Simcoe Region. On March 23, the group held a public meeting at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Bradford, to present some of the alternatives to growth, and host a discussion of the challenges facing the area.

Among the speakers was Carl Cosack of the NDAC (North Dufferin Agricultural & Community) Task Force, established to fight the 2300 acre mega-quarry proposal of The Highland Companies, in Melancthon Township.

The mega-quarry has been stopped, but Cosack's new focus is a province-wide awareness campaign, Food & Water First, that seeks to place protection of agricultural land and clean drinking water ahead of development interests. At the meeting, as all speakers noted, agriculture is still the key to Ontario's economic prosperity.

Bernard Pope, of Ontario Farmland Preservation, noted, "politicians and planners need to understand... the impact of the decisions that cost farmland. Agriculture is the #1 value-added sector in the province.

Agriculture has a commanding financial footprint in the province." Pope called for long-term policies that would ensure the security of agriculture in Ontario's future.

"The farmer always sells the farm, eventually," he acknowledged - but development pressures mean that all too often, the death of the farmer leads to "the death of the soil," and the loss of prime agricultural land to housing.

Pope called for more education of rural/urban Ontarians on the importance of a "symbiotic relationship with food production" - support for local farms and farmers' markets, greater emphasis on gleaning, support for agricultural easements and trusts to preserve land in agriculture, and a focus on agricultural tourism, "to entertain and educate a broad sector of the public."

And, he said, there needs to be a greater emphasis on Net Benefit Studies - what will a proposed development bring to the table, compared to what is lost - and greater public involvement in the planning process, to offset the amendments pushed by "lobbyists, speculators and developers" that have "weakened" the province's Places to Grow policies.

Bill French, mayoral candidate in Collingwood and TV host on Rogers Television, urged environmental groups to "win the hearts and minds of people" - and put pressure on municipal politicians. Asked how residents can have an impact on decisions at the Ontario Municipal

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From right, Carl Cosack, Bill French and Bernard Pope, at AWARE Simcoe meeting, March 23.

Changes in Waste Collection

The County of Simcoe has been bringing information on the new garbage collection model to County residents, through a series of Open Houses.

On March 21, the Waste Management team was in Bradford, presenting the details of the new County-wide contract with BFI Canada that will save taxpayers an estimated \$2.1 million per year - and improve service and diversion from landfill.

Some things will stay the same. For Bradford West Gwillimbury residents, curbside collection day will still be Thursdays - although, with the new fleet, residents are asked to have their garbage, recycling and green bins at curbside by 7 a.m.

There will be an expanded, regularly-scheduled Yard Waste Collection service, picking up leaves, grass clippings and brush - with 4 collection days in Spring, every 2 weeks starting the week of April 1, and 5 collection days in the Fall, starting in October.

There are more items accepted for Blue Box recycling - including all plastics numbered 1 through 7, clamshell packaging, empty aerosol cans and paint cans, plastic plant pots and trays, and tetra-paks. And the contract puts an end to the Bulky Item and White Good collection days, that left roadsides looking like dumpsites. Instead, residents will be able to call in and book a pick-up of up to 5 large items, at a cost of \$35.

Director of Solid Waste Management for the County, Rob McCullough noted that the old method of bulky item collection resulted in diversion rates of only 4%.

trucks - one a crusher, for broken "trash" that will still end up in landfill, and the other a "moving van," to pick up recyclable and reusable goods, including refrigerators, televisions, mattresses and computer monitors.

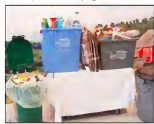
"We believe we'll probably be able to divert 60% of the waste," McCullough said, working with community groups, including Habitat for Humanity's ReStore and the Salvation Army. "We're doing very well (with recyclable collection) but we think that we'll do better with this."

McCullough demonstrated the new computer link at simcoe.ca that allows residents to log on, enter their address, and get confirmation of their new collection date. Once registered, homeowners will also receive automatic reminders, "so you'll never miss your garbage day again," he said - as well as notices of any interruption of service, for example due to ice storms or severe weather.

For the first time, all 16 municipalities in Simcoe County will receive the same level of service - with plans to offer curbside collection on seasonal and private roads, wherever possible.

Businesses, Industrial and Institutional properties, including multi-family apartments with more than 6 units, will also be able to take advantage of curbside collection, as long as they are participating in a waste diversion program. Industrial/Commercial/Institutional properties will be able to set out 1 bag of trash free and up to 7 tagged bags; up to 6 standard Blue Boxes or 2 wheeled carts; and up to 6 standard greenbins, at no additional charge.

The first week of collection under the new contract will be the week of April 1 - and residents take note: No longer will collection dates be bumped by statutory holidays, with the exception of Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The new contract will also be good for the environment, McCullough said. The bulk of BFI Canada's new fleet is powered by Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) which produces 75% less carbon monoxide, and 95% less particulate matter than standard diesel.



Stuff A Cruiser for the Food Bank!

On Saturday, March 30, South Simcoe Police will be giving a boost to the local Helping Hand Food Bank, for Easter. Officers will be bringing a police cruiser to the Zehrs store in Bradford, on Holland St. West, and inviting shoppers to "Stuff a Cruiser" full of non-perishable food items. The Stuff a Cruiser Initiative will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Be generous!

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A major barn fire on the 6th Line of BWG on March 20 sent thick smoke billowing across Hwy 400. Fire crews were called at 5:51 p.m. and arrived to discover the main barn of the horse farm "fully involved," said Fire Chief Kevin Gallant. "At that time we tried to protect the exposure on the west, which was the riding ring." Firefighters were successful in containing the fire to the barn, helped by a strong west wind, and saved the riding ring, although it suffered fire and structural damage. There were "no injuries, as far as people or horses," Chief Gallant said, but a cat, and 3 dogs that were in the viewing area of the barn may have been killed in the blaze. Damages were estimated at "approaching or exceeding \$500,000" and the Ontario Fire Marshal has been called in, although the fire is not considered suspicious.

AWARE Simcoe's alternate vision

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when development issues come up, he suggested that winning the support of the local municipal government is key. "If you can get the municipality on side, the odds are it's going to end up in your favour."

But Cosack suggested that by the time an issue ends up at the OMB, it may be too late. "You end up in front of the OMB because there's issues about planning," Cosack said. "Get engaged with your Official Plan today," he urged, to ensure that it contains protection for agriculture and the environment.

The Highland Companies chose Melancthon Twp. for a mega-quarry because "it had the smallest population... with the least amount of regulation and governance for resource extraction." The company, he said, did its research - and now Melancthon is changing its Official Plan. "Change is happening everywhere. It just has to be change in the right way."

For more information, or to see a draft of AWARE Simcoe's draft

"Vision for Simcoe County," see www.aware-simcoe.ca



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Discussions on the Budget

Federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty released his 2013 Budget on March 21, and immediately questions were raised, about the details of the financial programs, and the source of some of the funding allocations. MP for York-Simcoe Peter Van Loan, House Leader, was asked some of those questions, in an interview on March 22, following the Budget release.

The budget includes a reduction in the tariffs on some imports, including hockey equipment, and baby clothes. Asked if the reduction was designed to offset the impact of the recent increase in the duty-free limit, which spurred a cross-border shopping spree, Van Loan said, "It's definitely a response to retailers in Canada. All of them raised since as an issue." He noted that tariffs were put in place when Canada had a strong manufacturing base. Now, he said, "the policy rationale is way out of whack. We don't have local industries to protect," that produce sports equipment and items like baby clothes.

The tariff reductions will make imported items more affordable for families, Van Loan noted.

The MP was asked about talk of bolstering competition in the financial sector, by encouraging new "entries" in the marketplace - at the same time that Finance Minister Flaherty personally called banks to discourage lower interest rates, and is phasing out the tax deduction for Credit Unions and Caisses Populaires. Van Loan defended what has been called "micromanagement" by the Finance Minister. "What he's trying to do is avoid situations where people take on more debt than they can afford... The issue is how banks conduct themselves.

We just want to make sure, if interest rates go up, as they will, you can still afford the burden. We just want to make sure people don't lose their homes."

As for elimination of the Credit Union deduction, it is to ensure all financial institutions are on an even playing field and all are treated fairly."

The federal government has declared that it will be focusing on job creation - in particular, revisions to the current training programs for skilled trades. The budget includes a new Canada job Grant, that would provide \$15,000 per trainee - with one-third paid by the federal government, one-third by the province, and one-third by the employer. But the new grant

wouldn't come into play until 2014-15 - only after there have been negotiations with the province, to bring in a new system that matches training with jobs.

"We've been getting huge feedback from across the province," Van Loan said, describing a "mismatch" in skills to the jobs out there... We're looking to renegotiate these agreements," to ensure, for example, that Job Skills Ontario is more responsive to employers' needs - although, as a provincial responsibility, there will need to be extensive negotiations.

The MP was asked about the inclusion of 2014 expenditures, in this year's budget. "The budget is really a policy document," he replied - unlike a municipal budget, "which is an estimate."

The budget contains a number of initiatives, and ongoing support for manufacturing and the economy - including a 2-year, \$1.4 billion extension of the Accelerated Capital Cost allowance for business, designed to facilitate the retooling of manufacturing plants; \$325 million over 8 years for Sustainable Development Technology Canada, to promote innovation, and bringing invention to the marketplace \$165 million for Genome Canada; \$60 million over 5 years for innovative research and contests, and a \$20 million pilot project to allow small and medium businesses access to University level research and development.

Asked where the funding will come from, Van Loan acknowledged that "some of it is re-profiled" - that is, shifted from one area of the budget to another. The National Research Council is particularly the target of "re-profiling," in the 2013 budget document, 80% of the NRC's budget will be tied to industry through partnerships for applied research and development.

"For developed economies, innovation is critical," Van Loan said, noting that the changes are designed to address "Canada's gap in applied research."

Canada will never be able to compete with the "cheap" production in emerging countries, he added. Instead, in a global economy, "we have to be able to produce higher quality production goods. We've had success in that, relatively speaking" - developing niche and custom markets. Van Loan pointed out that the 2011 Jenkins Report was highly critical of the current method of using tax credits to

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Raising funds for Epilepsy Ontario, and awareness of Epilepsy - students at Holy Trinity High School in Bradford held a bake sale and penny drive, and dressed in purple on Purple Day, March 26. Purple Day is a global day of Epilepsy awareness, founded by Nova Scotia student Cassidy Megan in 2008. Epilepsy affects over 65 million people worldwide - more than MS, Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy and Parkinson's disease, combined.

letters to the editor

Do they walk the talk?

To the editor: The Conservative Party likes to say that it supports our farmers. The facts say otherwise.

This month, a new Conservative federal-provincial agricultural agreement goes into effect, setting the course for farming in Canada for the next 5 years, marking an unprecedented attack on programs designed to help farmers manage their risk - backstops necessary to farmers in tough times.

Among the shocking cuts to the business risk management (BRM) suite are cuts to Agrilinvest, which helps cover income declines and provides funds to mitigate risks and invest in the farm, slashing its funding by 33%.

More surprisingly, they also take a huge chunk out of AgriStability, which helps cover declines in producers' average income from previous years, hacking off as much as \$41.1 million a year, for a total cut of more than \$2 billion over the 5 year program.

With these cuts, the Conservatives are leaving producers more vulnerable when bad times hit - and doing so despite clearly hearing from farmers how valuable these programs are.

Instead of cutting red tape, they cut all the reasonable assistance farmers rely on in times of need.

These cuts to BRM come on the heels of short-sighted plans to eliminate the Agroforestry Development Centre in Indian Head and the PFRA's Community Pasture program - which both provide essential public services for producers that don't have viable private business models - as well as reckless cuts to food inspection, which leaves the door open to another XL Foods-like crisis.

The next time you hear Conservatives boast about their support for farmers, you

might want to ask them about that record. Frank Valeriote, Liberal MP & Agriculture Critic

Heart & Stroke Campaign

To the editor: February 2013 included unpredictable weather, biting winds, sub-zero temperatures, some rain. Despite these challenges, Jackie Johnson, Lynda Usher, Eileen Pipino, Dagmar Scholten, Maureen O'Hare, Debbie Bergin, Jennifer de Winter, Jean Calder and June Chambers knocked on many doors in Bond Head for the Heart & Stroke Foundation, while Connie McKenzie-Morgan and Cathy McKeever visited homes in Foster's Forest. Thanks to the generous spirit of the donors, contributions totalled \$2,700 - \$630 of which was donated online. Thank-you June Chambers, Heart & Stroke Campaign Captain, Bond Head & Foster's Forest

Autism Awareness Day

Whereas: Autism is a general term used to describe a group of complex developmental brain disorders - Autism Spectrum Disorder or ASD - caused by a combination of genes and environmental influences, characterized by varying degrees of communications difficulties, social and behavioural challenges; and

Whereas: It is estimated that 1 in every 88 children is born with ASD, and there are approximately 200,000 Canadians living with ASD; and
Therefore be it Resolved: That Mayor Doug White and Council proclaim April 2, 2013 as World Autism Awareness Day in BWG, and encourage all residents to increase their awareness, understanding and acceptance of individuals living with ASD.

Preparing for emergencies

"Emergency management" is all about dealing with the potential impact of events or situations that pose a danger, and could cause harm to persons or property. The ultimate goal: To create safe, secure and disaster-resilient communities, says the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Fire & Emergency Services.

• communities that are aware, and prepared. And that all starts at the grassroots, asking residents to be responsible for their own safety and the well-being of their families. Be aware of the hazards in your home and community. Prepare an emergency plan for the home, and practise a home fire escape plan at least once a year. Prepare a "Survival Kit" containing supplies that can sustain a family for at least 72 hours:

- **Water** - at least 2 litres of water per person per day; small bottles are easier to carry in case of evacuation.
- **Non-perishable food**. Canned or dried goods, energy bars - don't forget a manual can opener.
- **Flashlights**, batteries, and a battery-powered or wind-up radio
- **First Aid kit**.
- **Special needs items** - prescription medicines, infant formula,

equipment for those with disabilities.

- **Key documents** (birth certificates, records of immunization), extra keys for the car and house - and cash, especially smaller denomination bills.
- **Carry-all or backpack**, to take your emergency kit with you, if you need to evacuate.

A March Break program at the Bradford Public Library on March 11 introduced the idea of Emergency Preparedness for kids - and Astrid Vig-Bergsma, BWG Fire & Emergency Services emergency management, is now taking it to the next level. She will be introducing the County of Simcoe STEP (Student Emergency Preparedness) Program into grade 5 classrooms at local schools, starting in May.

The free program covers the different levels of government response, the kinds of emergencies that are common in Simcoe County; how to create a family emergency plan; what to include in an emergency kit; what to do in specific emergencies; when to call 911 - and a chance to win a 72 hour family emergency kit.



Discussing federal budget 2013

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promote research - finding that businesses have simply hired accountants to find ways to access the credits, without actually supporting new research. The grants are designed to address that concern, he said.

The budget also includes elimination of CIDA, the Canadian International Development Agency. The announcement is buried in the budget section on "benefits for families" but basically rolls CIDA into a new Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Development, potentially tying aid to trade.

Van Loan said that the goal was not to find cost-savings, but "trying

to align everything the government does in one spot... (to) deliver programs in a unified fashion.

"Often we were tripping over each other, and having excessive meetings, to make sure you weren't duplicating or leaving gaps. The objective is policy, not savings."

"I think the overall thrust (of the budget) is deficit reduction," Van Loan concluded, with the promise of a balanced budget by 2015, and a \$800 million surplus by 2015-16.

Van Loan was asked where the cuts will come, in the 2013 budget. "I don't know," he replied, noting that that is a question that the Opposition is constantly asking. "The cuts aren't there," he insisted.

At the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre

The Danube Seniors Leisure Centre is located at 715 Simcoe Rd., south of Bradford. For information, call 905-775-0612.

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• Mark your calendar, and watch for details - the **Annual Garage Sale** at the Danube Centre takes place Saturday, April 27.



Hats, at the Tec-We-Gwill W. I.

The Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute met at its hall in Newton Robinson, March 25, to enjoy lunch, hot cross buns, and model their spring hats. Ellen Hickson arranged the theme, and wore an authentic pillbox hat she purchased in Florida. W.I. members donated everything from rhinestone-spangled Stetsons, to a garden hat covered in real flowers. Marlene Battle (at left) brought a black band, from her student days. "Each pleat stands for a province," she said, explaining that the color of the band changed as students progressed. Graduates received a black band. "I never threw it out, because it had a lot of history."

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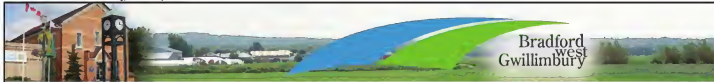
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• Tues. Apr. 2 @ 7:00 p.m.

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BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Downtown Revitalization Committee

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Thurs. Apr. 4 @ 7:00 p.m., Schomburg Fire Hall, 91 Proctor Rd

PROCLAMATIONS

That his Worship Mayor Doug White and Council proclaim:
April 2, 2013 as World Autism Awareness Day

NOTICES

OFFICE CLOSURE – EASTER WEEKEND

TAKE NOTICE that the Town Administration Centre will be closed for Good Friday on Friday, March 29th, 2013 and Easter Monday on Monday, April 1st, 2013. Regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. will resume on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2013.

To view the holiday hours of operation for our recreational facilities as well as program opportunities, please visit www.townofbwg.com.

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It is also a violation of Section 4.9 of By-law 2006-027 to let your dog run at large.

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NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION

NORTH CANAL BANK ROAD

This Notice is to inform residents and business owners that North Canal Bank Road from Highway 400 to Simcoe Road may experience lane interruptions due to the Holland Marsh Drainage System Canal Improvement Project.

Construction commenced on July 3, 2011 and will continue in the area described above until further notice.

Construction hours remain from 7am to 7pm. Through traffic may be subject to lane reductions/interruptions intermittently during these working hours.

If you require additional information call the Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board at 905-778-4321 Please leave your name and phone number, with your concerns and someone will return your call promptly.

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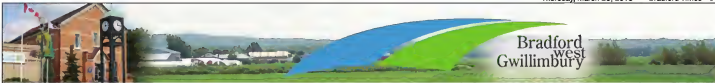
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Helping to keep the Township of Bradford West Gwillimbury beautiful and clean is one of our top priorities. Please join us for the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's annual Community Clean up Day. This is a great opportunity for residents to get involved in a fun and rewarding activity while helping to improve our community. Clean up locations will be throughout the Township. Please contact the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury for more information.

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NOTICES

REVISED NOTICE OF COMPLETION MASTER SCHEDULING STUDY FOR PLANNED SERVICE AREA REVISION SCHEDULE "B" CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT GREEN VALLEY SANITARY PUMPING STATION

As part of the July 2010 Master Scheduling Study For Planned Service Area, the design and construction of a new sanitary pumping station (SPS) and related foreman outlet to service the future approved growth in the Green Valley Community Plan area was recommended. The Green Valley SPS project was identified as, and was completed in compliance with, Schedule "B" undertaking following the requirements of the Municipal Engineers Association, Class Environmental Assessment for Municipal Roads, Water and Wastewater Projects (as amended).

Due to the long term operating and maintenance costs, as well as the liability for potential backups and/or overflows, it has been demonstrated that reducing the number of pumping stations in a municipality is advantageous. To that end, in November 2012 MTE Consultants Inc. completed a Study to assess the feasibility of decommissioning two existing pumping stations (Townsend and Walker) located in the southeast portion of the Town. The analysis concluded that it is technically feasible to decommission the two pumping stations and divert the sanitary flow via a new gravity sewer constructed along Townsend Blvd., Walker Ave. and 8th Line to the nearby proposed Green Valley SPS without impacting the proposed depth of the SPS. The resulting peak flow at the Green Valley SPS with the diverted flows from Walker and Townsend SPSs is approximately 13 L/s more than the peak flow identified in the 2010 MSS. An increase in flow from 80 L/s to 93 L/s will not significantly impact the design or size of the pumping station or foreman and as such is not considered a major change; however, the social and environmental effects related to the construction of a new gravity sewer within the Townsend subdivision will have a temporary impact on residents during the sewer installation. As such, the Town will host a Public Information Centre (PIC) to present the results of the feasibility analysis and describe the proposed works.

Date: Thursday, April 11th, 2013
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Location: Bradford Public Library
425 Holland Street West, Zima Room

The Flow Diversion Feasibility Analysis is available for public review at the following location(s):

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

100 Holland Court, P.O. Box 419
Bradford, ON, Canada L3Z 2A9

Interested persons should provide written comments to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury by May 11, 2013 (within 30 days of the date of the PIC). Comments should be directed to:

Mr. David Lattarius, C. Tech., P. Eng.
Senior Engineering Technologist, Capital Projects
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
100 Holland Court, P.O. Box 419
Bradford, ON, Canada L3Z 2A9
Phone: 905-778-2055
Fax: 905-778-2070
Email: dlattarius@townofbwg.com

Mr. Chris Spere, C.E.T.
Project Manager, Municipal
MTE Consultants Inc.
520 Bingham Centre Drive
Kitchener, ON N2B 3X9
Phone: 519-743-6500 ext. 1247
Fax: 519-743-6513
Email: cspere@mte85.com

If concerns arise regarding this project which cannot be resolved in discussion with the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, a person or party may request that the Minister of the Environment make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act referred to as a Part II Order, which addresses individual environmental assessments. Requests must be received by the Minister at the address below within 30 calendar days of this Notice. A copy of the request must also be sent to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury at the address noted above. If there is no "request" received by May 11, 2013, the Green Valley Sewage Pumping Station project will proceed to design and construction as presented in the planning documentation.

Minister of the Environment
135 SL Clair Avenue West, 12th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M4V 1P5

This notice first issued on March 28th, 2013



NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT – SCHEDULE "A+" ROAD UNDERPASS OF 6TH LINE AND WALKER AVENUE

TOWN OF BRADFORD WEST Gwillimbury

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is proceeding with a Class Environmental Assessment Study for the urbanization of the existing two lane rural cross-section along 6th Line from Simcoe Road to Walker Avenue and Walker Avenue from 6th Line to Morris Road. Urbanization will include new curbs, sidewalks, street lighting and storm drainage improvements. The total length of road being considered for urbanization is approximately 900m.

This project is proceeding as a Schedule "A+" undertaking following the requirements of the Municipal Engineers Association, Class Environmental Assessment for Municipal Roads, Water and Wastewater Projects (as amended), and will identify a preferred solution based on an evaluation of the transportation network, natural, economic and social conditions as well as public health and safety concerns.

A key component of the Study is consultation with stakeholders (residents, interest parties and various government agencies). A Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to provide residents and interested parties with an opportunity to review and discuss issues related to the project. The PIC is scheduled for:

Date: Thursday, April 11th, 2013
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Location: Bradford Public Library
425 Holland Street West, Zima Room

Those attending the PIC will have the opportunity to meet with the Project Team, review the Study scope and discuss issues relating to the project.

If you are unable to attend the PIC, and would like to provide comments, please contact either of the following:

Mr. David Lattarius, C. Tech., P. Eng.
Senior Engineering Technologist (Capital Projects)
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
100 Holland Court
Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2A9
Phone: (905) 778-2055, ext. 2106
Fax: (905) 778-2070

Mr. Peter Lejcek, P. Eng.
Division Manager, Municipal
MTE Consultants Inc.
520 Bingham Centre Drive
Kitchener, ON N2B 3X9
Phone: (519) 743-6500
Fax: (519) 743-6513

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BRADFORD, ON L3Z 2A9
905-778-2055

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BRADFORD, ON L3Z 2A9
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BRADFORD, ON L3Z 2A9
905-778-2055

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123 SIMCOE ST., P.O. BOX 251
BRADFORD, ON L3Z 2A9
905-778-2055

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
251 LAKEVIEW DR., P.O. BOX 180
BRADFORD, ON L3Z 2A9
905-778-2055

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

SST presents Jasper Station!

Cookstown's South Simcoe Theatre presents the final show in the 2012-2013 Season - the musical **Jasper Station**, by Canadian playwright Norm Foster. An exceptional and fun evening of theatre, as 5 passengers meet in the waiting room of a station, then reunite 5 years later! On Stage at the Old Town Hall Theatre, 1 Hamilton St., April 11-28. Performances at 8 p.m. on Thurs, Fri and Sat, and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets \$25 each, available at the Box Office, or call 705-458-4432.

A Touch of Scotland in Concert

There will be a **Touch of Scotland** concert, raising funds for the Alzheimer Society of Greater Simcoe County, this Saturday, March 30, at the Innisfil YMCA. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Concert at 7:30 p.m. - featuring Jim and Jean Duffy, pipers Mike Robb and Alex Viniza of the Bradford Pipes & Drums, dancers with the Sanderson School of Highland Dance, and emcee Hugo Straney. Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 Seniors and Students, at the Y (in the Innisfil Recreation Complex), 705-421-5877 - from the Alzheimer Society, 705-722-6446 - or from Jim Duffy, 705-436-5027.

Tapestry Choir 25th Anniversary

Tapestry Chamber Choir celebrates its 25th Anniversary this year. Hear Schubert's Mass in G Major, and Monteverdi's Laudate Dominum, with special guests the Youth Chamber Ensemble - Sunday, April 7, 2013 at Aurora United Church, 15106 Yonge St., 3 p.m. Tickets \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, free for children and youth under 18, available at the door. See www.tapestrychoir.ca, email tapestrychoir@sympatico.ca or call 905-836-8589 for information.

Os Marotos Dance Troupe Celebrates

Celebrate the 1st Anniversary of **Rancho Infantil Os Marotos** - the Children's Folklore Group at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford - Saturday, April 13, at a dinner & dance. Performances by Rancho Do Arsenal Do Minho de Toronto, Os Marotos, and the band, Juvem Imperio. Doors open 6 p.m., dinner after 7 p.m. Door prizes! Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$12 for kids 7 to 12 for members, \$30 adults and \$15 children for non-members. Call Tina, 905-775-4291 or Luisa, 905-778-0363.

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A love of books @ Bradford Library



Photo by Miriam King, Bradford Times
Young book-lovers hunt for bargains at the Friends of the BWG Library's annual Spring Book Sale, March 23.

Who says books are out of fashion, and print is dead? The annual Friends of the Bradford Public Library Spring Book Sale proved that books are still loved and treasured. About 16 families turned out for the Preview Sale on Friday evening, March 22, raising approximately \$800 for the Friends and Library programs - and dozens more came out on Saturday, to thumb through the donated paperback and hardcover volumes, CDs and DVDs. There was even a line-up, waiting for the doors to open on Saturday morning, as bargain hunters came equipped with bags and carryalls.

At the Ontario Early Years Centre, Bradford

Ontario Early Years Centre is located at the BWG Child & Family Centre at 118 Barrie St. in Bradford. The Centre

provides age-appropriate toys and programs for children from birth to 6 years of age, as well as parent resources. Open Mon. and Tues. from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; Weds., Fri. and Sat. from 9 a.m. to noon, and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1-7 p.m. Registration required for some programs. Call 905-775-3039, ext. 229, or visit www.simcoecommunityservices.ca and click on the Ontario Early Years logo.

Grandparents, Parenting Again Support Group, for grandparents with or informal custody of their grandchildren, meets Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17 and 24, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Centre. Child-minding for ages 0 to 6 is available on April 3 and 17.

The Bradford Public Library offers free **Storytime** programs for kids. The 6-week Storytime sessions offer half an hour of stories and activities each week, for ages 4 months to 6 years. The Spring Session runs from April 17, to May 24 - and registration begins April 3.

Babymeet for Creepers (ages 4 to 12 months) - Thursdays, 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

Babymeet for Walkers (ages 13 to 24 months) - Thursdays 10:45 to 11:15 a.m. Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

Tales for Twos (for children 2 to 3 years) - Wednesdays from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. OR 10:45 to 11:15 a.m. Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

Storytime, for ages 3 to 6. Kids under 4 must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver. Weds. 9:45-10:15 a.m. OR 10:45-11:15 a.m., OR Thurs. 9:45-10:15 a.m. OR 10:45-11:15 a.m.

At the Library, 425 Holland St. West. Preregister in person at Borrower Services, or call 905-775-3328 ext. 6614 or 6119. Note: Only kids who were not registered in the previous Storytime session can be registered on the first day of registration.

Heather Robertson, Author of "**Walking into Wilderness - How ancient trails saved Canada**", and the winner of the Ontario Historical Society Fred Landan Award, will be speaking at the Bradford Public Library on Sunday, April 28, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5, available at the Library, 425 Holland St. W.; City Library's Nitty Nitty and the Bradford Print Shoppe. Includes refreshments.

Parent-Infant Mother Group begins Thurs., April 4 at 1:30 p.m. - an 8-week interactive program designed



for parents and infants, 10 months and younger. Childcare not available. Pre-register.

Little Carpenters! On Saturday, April 6 at 9:30 a.m., children will become architects as they build houses for their favourite stuffed toy, using boxes, paper rolls and other every-day items. Pre-register. **Spring into Reading** with an Early Library

Specialist. Tuesday, April 9, from 10 to 11 a.m. Sing, read see OEYC Page 10

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A Cookstown Heritage Conservation District?

The Town of Innisfil is in the midst of Phase One of a Heritage Conservation District Study for the village of Cookstown - looking into designating at least a portion of the village, located at the crossroads of County Rd. 27 and 18, to preserve its unique heritage character and hopefully boost tourism.

The preservation of heritage is part of the Town's Inspiring Innisfil 2020 strategic planning document, clearly defined within the County of Simcoe Official Plan, and a key policy of the Provincial government. In fact, the Cookstown Study, now being undertaken by MMM Group of Thornhill, has received a provincial grant.

"The process is described as 'community-led', with input and support from residents key to the study. The second of two public open houses was held March 26 at the Cookstown Public Library & Community Centre.

"What we're looking at tonight are the important elements of Cookstown - its past, its present and its future," said Don Eastwood, Innisfil's Director of Development. Designation of a Heritage Conservation District would recognize the importance of the village's history and heritage, "looking back to build for the future," he said.

Senior project manager with MMM Group, Darryl Bird noted that there are 108 Heritage Conservation Districts already designated in Ontario - including Collingwood and Unionville. If an HCD is established for Cookstown, he said, "we believe it will ensure that Cookstown's unique identity is conserved in the future. We want to promote development that is consistent with the character of Cookstown."

The study began in a just a core portion of the village, but the draft boundaries presented March 26 expanded the Heritage Conservation District - south to the north side

of Victoria St.; east to include the fairgrounds, Library and Cultural Centre, cenotaph, Anglican church and cemetery; and north, to include 100 year old homes on sidestreets and King St.

Bird presented information that showed there has been no increase in taxes relating to designation, and pointing out that heritage controls and permits apply only to the exteriors of buildings within the HCD - not to additions or renovations that are inside, or out of sight. There is no requirement to "restore" buildings, only

that the renovations and changes are in keeping with the original character of the building. "We're not trying to freeze Cookstown where it is today," he assured the nearly 75 people who attended. "It's looking for reasonableness."

Among the concerns expressed by residents: That being required to use materials and styles that are in keeping with the original nature of the building could add thousands of dollars to repair bills - and that although there are grants available for homeowners, there is currently no financial support for businesses and commercial properties.

"There are a lot of things that need to be addressed," said Bev Nix, owner of The Princely Pear. "You want to preserve these buildings, but we have to face reality."

For other residents, the promise of flexibility "without imposing some draconian things" raised concerns that designation might not preserve the character of the village.

The Phase 1 report should be coming to Council on May 15. To provide input, Cookstown residents can email ecdo.innisfil.ca or call Director Eastwood at 705-436-3740 ext. 1501. If approved, the study will enter "Phase 2", looking at possible guidelines and a permitting process, to be completed by the end of 2013.

"We're a long way from making a designation," Eastwood told the group.



Town & Country Living!

The Bradford Board of Trade is hosting a **Town & Country Living Show** on Saturday, April 13, at the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.. The show features displays by local businesses and services, advertising every aspect of Town and Country living, and there will be door prizes, demonstrations, a Kids' Area with crafts, and more.

Admission is free - but donations of non-perishable food for the Helping Hand Food Bank will be welcomed.

There are still a very few spaces available for vendors and exhibitors. Cost is \$150 for Bradford Board of Trade members, \$250 for non-members. For details see www.bradfordboardoftrade.com - but hurry!

Wanted: Volunteers! A great opportunity for High School students to earn their Community Hours, by assisting with vendor set up, greeting participants, handing out vendor packages and conducting participant surveys. Contact Isabelle at 905-778-9058 or isabelle@contactsouthsimcoe.ca to find out more or sign up.

Puttin' on the Ritz! The Bradford Board of Trade Gala Awards Dinner takes place Weds, April 24, at Silver Lakes Golf & Conference Centre. Doors open 6:30 p.m., Dinner 7 p.m. Featuring special guests Bradford celebs Miss World Canada 2010 Denise Garrow, Baseball great Mike Kilkenny, and singer/songwriter Ashley Martinez. Tickets call 905-778-8727 or see the BBT website.



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At the Bradford Legion, Branch 521

The Bradford Legion will be closed on Good Friday, March 29, but will be open on Saturday and on Easter Monday.

Friday Night Social Time - every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Bradford Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford. Come out, enjoy a light dinner for a nominal fee. On the first Friday of the month it's Karaoke with Bob Searn, starting at 8 p.m. All welcome. On April 12, enjoy live entertainment with Randy Thomas.

Play **Euchre** on the 3rd Saturday of every month, 1 p.m. registration. Play begins at 1:30 p.m. All welcome!

The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a **Spring Tea and Bazaar** at the Bradford Legion, from 1 to 4 p.m. on

Sunday, April 21. Local artisans and businesses will be offering great Gift Ideas for Mother's Day. All welcome.

Do you want to stand behind our troops and veterans, enjoy comradeship and activities, and support youth programs in the community? Consider membership in the Legion. For information, call Donna at 905-775-5025. The Legion is here for Canada's Vets. There is support available for veterans and their spouses, whether at home, or in a nursing home or care facility. Call Gord Dodgson at 905-775-4905.

As seniors or caregivers of seniors, most of us have questions on what the future may hold.

- Where will we live?
- Can we stay in our own home?
- Will we have enough to retire on?
- What is a reverse mortgage?
- How can I possibly live without all my 'things'?

Do you have questions?

Please join us for a cup of coffee and a muffin where we can sit casually with professionals who have the answers.

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| Session 2: | Talk with a professional organizer about ways to declutter |
| Session 3: | Talk with a financial adviser about financing options |
| Session 4: | Chat with a senior realtor |

Where: Bradford West Gwillimby Public Library
425 Holland Street West, Bradford

When:	Session 1: Wed. May 8	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
	Session 2: Wed. May 22	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
	Session 3: Wed. June 5	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
	Session 4: Wed. June 12	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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Hippy-Bop Bingo

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The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and Barrie Rotary Club invite the public to Spring Tonic, at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation, 8195 8th Line Essa Twp. The Maple Syrup Festival takes place April 6 and 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Includes breakfast of pancakes, syrup and sausage served until 2 p.m., horse-drawn wagon rides, crafts, live music, re-enactors, demonstrations and the exotic animals of Zoo to You. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, free for infants - and includes the breakfast, served up by the Rotary Club.

A Symphony of Cakes!

The Sweet Arts Society, established to promote the preservation and growth of the Sugar Arts, has been earning recognition at shows like Canada's Baking & Sweets Show, in Toronto. Now the Society is planning its first-ever **Symphony of Cakes Showcase & Competition**, to take place at Belcroft Estates and Event Centre in Innisfil on Sunday, May 5.

The show is expected to attract cake designers and sugar artists from Simcoe County and York Region and will offer entertainment and inspiration for everyone from sugarcraft experts, to consumers. There will be networking, a cake design competition, exciting live cake challenges, demonstrations and a spectacular showcase of cakes. For more information on the Symphony of Cakes Showcase & Competition, or The Sweet Arts Society, call 705-456-6626 or visit www.sweetartssociety.com. Proceeds will go to support Lupus Ontario.

Note: The Sweet Arts Society meets monthly at The Barkley Square Restaurant, on Yonge St. north of Shoreacres Drive. The next meeting will be on Sunday, April 14, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Gardening Season begins!

The first meeting of 2013 of the Bond Head & District Horticultural Society takes place Thursday, March 28, at the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd., 7:30 p.m. Speaker is Tom McCavour, on "Therapeutic Gardening." Note: Memberships can be renewed!

The Bradford Public Library hosts talks with Master Gardeners. On March 28, the topic is "Attach the Garden Calendar," and learn to use Mother Nature as a guide. 7 p.m. at the Library, 425 Holland St. W. All welcome.

Ontario Early Years Centre

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believe with bunnies, butterflies, ducks and daffodils. For parents and children of all ages! Pre-register. The next **Let's Grow Child Development Screening** will take place Monday, April 15 from 9 a.m. to noon - a free early identification program for children ages 4 months to school entry, where teams of experts measure emotional, behavioural, social, speech, fine and gross motor skills development, and refer to the appropriate agency for help, if necessary. For a free appointment call Health Connections at 1-877-721-7520, by April 10. **Library on the Loose** - free drop-in program, with books, stories and surprises from the Library, Friday, April 19, 10:30 a.m. **International Poplax** - Saturday, April 20, at 9:30 a.m. Families and their pre-schoolers are invited to bring in an ethnic food from their country of origin, to share. Pre-register, beginning April 2.

We invite you to reflect on the true meaning of Easter as we celebrate the risen Lord.

Maudy Thursday, March 28
7:00 pm

Good Friday, March 29
10:30 am

Easter Sunday, March 31
11:00 am

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www.stjohnspresbyterian.ca

Easter Treats

NSD Egg Hunt for Dogs

National Service Dogs' Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs will take place Good Friday, March 29, at Barrie's Sunnyside Park - raising money to help provide trained Autism Service dogs for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Cost to register is only \$25 per family (including dogs), for this outdoor Egg Hunt that will give away hundreds of prizes and doggie treats. Registration begins at 10 a.m., the Hunt starts at 11 a.m. sharp. Register online at www.nsd.on.ca or call 519-623-4188 ext. 10. Sponsors are also wanted.

Splashy's Egg Hunt

Splashy's Swim 'n Fitness hosts an Easter Egg Hunt at its indoor playpark on Good Friday, March 29, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$10 per child, for indoor play, Easter Egg Hunts, beverages and snacks, and crafts. Please pre-register at 905-939-7581 or email pjrets@kingdom.com - or check out www.splashy.com for details. Located at 4513 - 5th Line of BWG.

Good Friday Egg Hunt at Bradford Greenhouses

Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery, located on Yonge St. at the 12th Line BWG, holds its annual Good Friday Easter Egg Hunt, starting at 9 a.m., for kids 8 and under. Drop in to meet the friendly Easter Bunny, and hunt for chocolate eggs among the beautiful spring blooms! Free - but donations of non-perishable food items for the local Helping Hand Food Bank would be greatly welcomed.

Easter at Puck's Farm

Puck's Farm, located at 16540 - 11th line King Twp. (west of Schomberg), hosts its Giant Easter Egg Hunt March 29-31 and April 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. See the friendly farm animals, enjoy pony rides and horse-drawn wagon rides, bouncy castles, and Easter Egg Scrambles! On Sunday only, catch Dr. Quimby's Medicine Show, at 12, 2 and 4 p.m. For more information see www.pucksfarm.com.

BWG Eggs-travaganza!

Bradford West Gwillimbury will be holding an Easter Eggs-travaganza at the BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave. in Bradford, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 30. The fun for young children includes games, crafts and a chance to meet the Easter Bunny. Drop in!

Please note: This year's Egg Hunt at the Bradford Lions Park has been cancelled, but hopefully will return in 2014!

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Focus on Business

Daffodil Days

Daffodils are not only a sign of spring, they are a sign of hope - especially for those fighting cancer.

The daffodil is the symbol of the Canadian Cancer Society, which is now looking for volunteers for its door-to-door campaign in April - and purchasers for its fresh daffodils.

Orders are now being taken for the flowers - \$7 a bunch, or two bunches for \$12. The flowers will be delivered between April 3 and 7 - Daffodil Days, when volunteers will also be selling Daffs at various retail outlets around town.

This year, the Holland River Unit of

the Canadian Cancer Society is also launching a penny campaign. Call, and Volunteers will pick up penny donations when they deliver the daffodils to local offices. Pennies will be put to good use, fighting cancer and providing programs for patients.

Other fundraising ideas? Businesses and residents are invited to consider holding fundraising picnics and BBQ, used book sales, Dress Down Days, Garage Sales, head shaves - anything to help support the fight.

For more information, contact Heather Mallet, 905-630-0447 ext. 3832 or hmallet@ontario.cancer.ca

Penny Drives

Among the businesses accepting donations of pennies for charity are Tim Hortons (for its Children's Foundation), Shoppers Drug Mart (Tree of Life Foundation), Canadian Tire (Jumpstart Program), and Cookstown Antique Market for the local Humane Society.



BRADFORD BOARD OF TRADE

The Voice of Business in Bradford

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One Day ONLY
Saturday, April 13th, 2013 from 9am - 5pm
FREE ADMISSION
 Bradford and District Memorial Community Centre
 125 Simcoe St.

LIVING SHOW

Lunch & Learn
Wednesday, April 17, 2013 from Noon - 1pm
 BWG Leisure Centre (Multi Purpose Room) - 471 West Park Ave., Bradford, ON
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For more information on any of these events contact:
 Bradford Board of Trade 61 Holland St E,
 Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2B9 | 905-778-8727
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Celebrating a new beginning, at Genesis Gymnastics



Story and photos by Miriam King, Bradford Times

From left, Councillors Ron Simpson and Carl Hordyk, Jamie, Mayor Doug White, owner Donna Katz, Jaclyn, John, MP for York-Simcoe Peter Van Loan, and Bradford Board of Trade rep Ashleigh Cromar cut the ribbon to officially open Genesis Gymnastics. Below, no fear - jumping into the pit! Bottom, Donna Katz cuts the cake, with help from Matthys and Liselotte, at the March 23 Opening.

Gymnastics has always been an important part of Donna Katz' life, and the life of her family. She was a competitive gymnast in high school, and has worked in the gymnastics industry since 1995. Both a daughter and future daughter-in-law are competitive athletes, and competitive coaches.

So it was natural for Katz, now a Bradford resident, to consider providing opportunities for young gymnasts in the Bradford West Gwillimbury area.

The result is Genesis Gymnastics.

On March 23, Genesis Gymnastics officially opened at 401 Dissette St., units 8 and 9 - although the facility has in fact been open for weeks, and held a highly successful March Break Camp.

The 6,500 sq. ft. gym, is fully stocked with the latest equipment by White Anderson, from the foam block-filled pit, to balance beams and trampolines - offering competitive and recreational classes for kids as young as 18 months, and up.

Among the dignitaries attending the ribbon-cutting was MP Peter Van Loan, who brought his own son, John A. to try out the equipment. Van Loan praised the facility, and the "free enterprise, hard work and initiative" that are the backbone of Canada's economy.

Bradford Mayor Doug White added his congratulations. "If you build a business around the young families with children in this Town, you will be successful!" White said - noting that the number of students has already far surpassed expectations.

In addition to presenting plaques and cutting a ribbon, guests were also invited to try out the "pit" - and both Mayor White and Councillor Carl Hordyk took the plunge,



jumping into piles of soft foam blocks.

Katz initially worried that the 6500 sq. ft. space "was going to be too big." Now, she's already considering plans for expansion.

Genesis Gymnastics, 401 Dissette St., Bradford - see genesisgymnastics.ca, call 905-775-GYM1 (4961) or email donna@genesisgymnastics.ca



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Focus on Community

Recycle your Electronics

Holy Trinity High School is holding an e-Waste Collection Event, to divert items that include computers, telephones, TVs, VCRs and DVD players, radios, camcorders, cameras, telephones, etc. from landfill, and ensure that they are properly reused or recycled.

The e-Waste Collection will take place on Thursday, April 4 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, April 5 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, April 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine, at the High School on Melbourne Drive in Bradford.

All proceeds from the e-Waste Day will go towards green projects at the school - including composting, and planting trees! For more information, call 905-775-4941.

Earth Hour update

PowerStream energy services - which provides power to the town of Bradford and other areas of Simcoe County, as well as Vaughan, Markham and Barrie - has been a more-than-willing participant in Earth Hour.

Earth Hour challenges Canadians to "power down" - turn off lights and electronics, for just one hour, to reduce energy consumption and boost awareness of the environment.

This year, Earth Hour fell on Saturday, March 23, and for a 6th year, PowerStream encouraged its more than 355,000 customers to participate, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The company also participated by shutting down the lights at its four work locations, and keeping a tally of municipality by municipality reductions in consumption.

Last year, customers reduced their energy usage by 7.8%. This year, the average reduction was 5%, or 50.1 MW.

Bradford West Gwillimbury residents reduced their energy consumption by 4.3%. Once again leading the way was the village of Thornton, in Essa Twp. - which cut its power consumption by a whopping 10%.

Salute to Scouting's volunteers



Volunteers receive recognition for their contributions to Scouting, from left - Matt Boucher with 5 year certificate, Jennifer Martin (1 Year), Logan Whyatt (1 Year), Greg Whyatt (5 Years) and Cheryl Prentice (5 Years), at the 1st Bradford Scouts "Going Up" Ceremony, March 21.

1st Bradford Scouts held a "Going Up" ceremony on March 21, at the Bradford Community Centre.

Beaver "White Tails" swam up to Cubs; older Cubs left their pack and went up to Scouts; older Scouts rose to Venturers.

The evening was also an opportunity to share a potluck supper, and to honour some of the volunteers who have completed 1 or 5 years of service with Scouting.

Len Gross, parent, spoke about the "wonderful experience" of being involved in Scouting for the past 9 years, with his son - and thanked those volunteers.

"We truly appreciate the leaders, and all that you do," he said, citing a long list of achievers in the public eye,

who have been or are still involved in Scouting. Among those Scouts: JFK, Nolan Ryan, Harrison Ford, John Glenn, Neil Armstrong, Steve Jobs, Queen Elizabeth II, Hillary Clinton, Dini Petty, Colin Powell, Bill Clinton, G.W. Bush, Celine Dion, Karen Kain, Roberta Bondar and Chris Hadfield.

A Scout leader, Gross said, stands "somewhere between the sternness of a parent and the camaraderie of a pal," and demonstrates a commitment to the youth of the community. "Nobody else rises so early in the morning, and gets home so late at night. They receive no salary, and we can never repay them."

He quoted astronaut Neil Armstrong: "They are saints by the campfire."

Gross added, "Their only reward is the admiration of the kids, and the respect of the community... Our kids learn to be politically correct in school. Being morally correct... is something that you learn through Scouts."

"Thank you very much. Job well done."



Scout Riley Prentice received a Certificate of Commendation, signed by Governor General David Johnston, for his service to Scouting.

Scouting's Good Turn Week, April 13-21

Scouts Canada has announced that April 13 to 21 is "Good Turn Week," and invites all Canadians - not just Scouts - to participate, and make a difference in the lives of others.

The name is based on the saying "One good turn deserves another" - a kind of "pay it forward" approach that challenges all Canadians to reach out and contribute to the development of stronger, friendlier, more compassionate communities.

During the week, over 100,000 Scouts may participate, passing along a "Good Turn" bracelet every time they perform an act of kindness, and asking the recipient to "pay it forward" and create a "chain of goodwill."

Citizens can also perform their own good deeds and acts of kindness, and text the details to Scouts Canada's Good Turn, at 51051 "Good Turn" or visit scouts.ca/goodturn

The goal is to build youth involvement in their communities, "and change the world in a small but significant way, to make it a friendlier and happier place,"

says Andrew Price, Chief Commissioner and Chair of the Board of Governors of Scouts Canada.

Examples include donating clothing, furniture, books or food; giving money to charity; volunteering for a community program; helping a neighbour with a chore or shopping; writing a letter to the Canadian Forces thanking them for their service; shovelling snow; bringing a special treat for colleagues or classmates; helping the homeless.

See what Canadians are doing for Good Turn Week, at scouts.ca/goodturn or follow @scoutscanada on Twitter



Photo: 1st Bradford Beaver "White Tails" ready to Swim Up to Cubs. All Scouts promise to assist their communities and their Country.

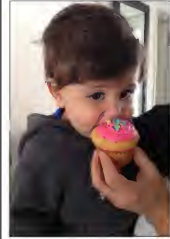
National Cupcake Day for the Animals

The first National Cupcake Day for the Animals took place February 25, 2013 - a fundraiser that challenged cupcake-lovers to bake their best, and raise funds through cupcake sales and parties, for their local

SPCA or Humane Society.

Luisa Penzix of the Bradford Times participated and raised over \$800 for the OSPCA.

Here, Danny, now 1 year old, samples one of her cupcake creations.



The Bradford Mom 2 Mom Sale Spring Sale takes place Saturday, May 4 at the Bradford Community Centre. Vendors wanted - see www.bradfordmom2mom.com for details, and follow Bradford Mom 2 Mom Sale on Facebook. Vendor fees and admission will go to the Breakfast program at St. Jean de Brebeuf School.

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community listings

MEETINGS

SOUL SURVIVORS: A Cancer Support Community meets the 1st Weds. of the month at

Trinity Anglican Church, 7:30 p.m. for cancer survivors and those currently experiencing cancer - a support group in a spiritual context, followed by a short contemplative serv

ice of healing. Contact Fr. Dan Graves, 505-775-2200.

ALANON: Meets Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Holy Marys of Trinity Anglican Church basement, 167 Essa St. in Bradford. For information, www.alanon.alatone.org, wso@al-non.org or call 1-888-444-ANON.

SPEAK FOR SUCCESS TOASTMASTERS: Toastmasters meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Tues. of each month upstairs at the new BWG Leisure Centre, 7-9 p.m. For information see www.speakforsuccess.org. All welcome.

WEEKLY BINGO: Innisfil Lions Club host a weekly bingo, Mondays, 5 p.m. doors open, 6:45 p.m. Bingo begins at the Lions Hall on Innisfil Beach Rd., Alcona. Refreshments available. For info, call 705-436-1826.

HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS: Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS) located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Integration to the Canadian School System Program, Parenting Workshops, Translation and Interpretation services. Form completion and document help, advocacy and more. 905-775-3343 or see www.bradfordimmigrant.com

BWG COMMUNITY MEAL: A free hot meal and fellowship for anyone on fixed income, social assistance, struggling to make ends meet, lonely, or families trying to stretch their food budgets, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. Every Friday at 5:30 p.m.

T.O.P.S.: TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) is a weight

loss support group that meets at the Lions Pool Bldg. Tuesday evenings, 6-7 p.m. No charge to drop in and see what TOPS is all about. Membership is \$32 per year and \$2 per meeting. For details call Edna, 905-775-9038.

ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH: 721 Simcoe Rd., Bradford. Fundraising perogies and cabbage rolls sale every Friday, from noon to 6 p.m., Sat. and Sun. 12:30 to 4 p.m. info. call the church 905-515-1651.

WRITERS' CIRCLE AT COFFEE CULTURE: BWG Writers' Circle now meets socially every Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. at Coffee Culture in Bradford - by the fireplace! Exception is the 3rd Tues. of the month, when the Circle meets at the New Bradford Library.

THURS..MARCH 28

BOND HED HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETS: 7:30 p.m. at the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford. All welcome. Guest speaker is Tom McAvour, on Therapeutic Gardening, Refreshments.

WEDS..APRIL 3

GRANDPARENTS, PARENTING AGAIN: Support group for grandparents with formal or informal custody of their grandchildren, meets 1-3 p.m. at the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford. Free, but pre-reg at 905-775-3039 ext. 229 by April 4.

BEETON & BOND HEDGE LIONS POKER TOURNAY: Fundraising Texas Hold'em poker journey at the Bond Hedge Community Hall, with registration at 1 p.m., play beginning at 2 p.m. \$40 buy-in, all monies to the prize pool. A fundraiser for community projects. All players welcomed. For advance tickets call Edna, 905-775-5921. Door prizes, refreshments.

FRI..APRIL 5

ROTODALE NURSERY

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Parents of children ages 2 and a half to 5 are invited to an Open House, 1-3 p.m. at Rotodale Nursery School, 118 Barrie St. in the BWG Child & Family Services Bldg., Bradford. Drop in, or for information, call Cheri at 905-775-3039 ext. 221.

SAT..APR. 6

BRADFORD VALLEY SPRING FLING: Residents at Bradford Valley Specialty Care long term care centre host their annual Spring Fling Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free. Vendors: Book a table for \$20, or book a spot for \$30 and bring your own table! Call Al Baker-Latter at 905-952-2274 to book.

SHAKE YOUR BOOBIES: The 4th Annual Shake Your Boobies for Breast Cancer Dinner & Dance takes place at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., DJ, prizes and silent auction. \$35 each - a fundraiser for the Shoppers Drug Mart Weekend to End Breast Cancer 60 K walk. Contact members of the Joe Mama 2 team, Alison Dominguez, 905-2410, or Sara Fresno, 905-775-4825.

LITTLE CARPENTERS: Kids will build houses for their favourite stuffed toys, out of boxes, tubes and other odds and ends. 9:30 a.m. at the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford. Free, but pre-reg at 905-775-3039 ext. 229 by April 4.

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SPRING TONIC: Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival, at the Tyrff Centre for Conservation, April 6 & 7 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Admission \$10 for adults, \$5 kids 12 and under, free for infants. Includes pancake, sausage and maple syrup breakfast, tours of the sugarbush, crafts, horse-drawn wagon rides, re-enactors, music and a visit from Zoo to You's

exotic animals. See nva.ca on get details. Located at 8195-Ross Line Essa Twp.

SUN..APR. 7

TAPESTRY CHAMBER CHOIR: Celebrating its 25th Anniversary, Tapestry Chamber Choir presents Stabat Mater Mass in G Major, and Monteverdi's Laudate Dominum, with special guests the York Chamber Ensemble, 3 p.m. at Aurora United Church, 15386 Yonge St. in Aurora. Tickets \$20 adults, \$15 Seniors and Students; free for youth under 18. Tickets available at the door.

TUES..APR. 9

YORK SIMCOE NATURALISTS MEET: At the River Drive Park Community Centre, 20 Oak Ave. in River Drive Park (off Queensville SR, north of Holland Landing) at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Marcel Benetue, Manitoulin Nature Club, on wildflowers of Manitoulin - including orchids! Refreshments. Bring a mug. Contact yscnclub@yahoo.ca

Eggs-ceptional Easter Fun

EASTER, from Page 10
The Elman V. Campbell Museum, 134 Main St. South in Newmarket, offers Eggsceptional Easter Fun. Meet the Easter Bunny, enjoy Easter Displays, activities, egg-decorating and light refreshments on Saturday, March 30, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Cost is \$5 per participant - suitable for ages 4 to 10. Pre-register at 905-953-5314 or elmanmuseum@rogers.com

Roast Beef dinner

Trinity Anglican Church hosts a Roast Beef Dinner, of Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, turnips, peas, corn, home-made pies, buns, coffee, tea and juice, on Friday, April 12. There will be sitings at 4:30, 5:45 and 6:45 p.m. at the church, located at James & Church Sts. in Bradford. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$6 for children 10 and under. Call Lorna Oldreave at 905-775-8768 or Sheryl MacPhail, 905-775-3134 for tickets.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Springdale Christian Reformed Church
1469 Sheppard Ave. E., Bradford
905-775-3731
Sundays 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Sunday School & Nursery
Pastor Paul VanStralen
www.springdalecerc.net

Newton Robinson United Church
274 Gorge, 10 Tecumseh
Service 9:30 a.m.

Bond Head United Church
Hwy. 68 west of Hwy. 27
Service 11 a.m.
Sunday School & Nursery Available
905-775-2512

Trinity Anglican Church
82 Church St., Bradford
(Corner of Church & James St.)
Sunday Services 9am & 10:30am
905-775-2200
trinityanglicanchurchbradford.ca

St. John's Presbyterian
2940 - 10th Division
(6th Line & Midwestern SFR)
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Priest 905-715-0105

St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church
(Bywater Hill)
18 Haven St. Bond Head, Simcoe (Eastgate)
8:30am (Easterweek), 11:00am (Easterweek)
905-775-8552
info@stcatherineofalexandria.ca

Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church
16825 Dufferin St., R.R. #2 Newmarket
Sundays 10:00 am & 6:00 pm
Sunday School & Nursery with service
Mid-week youth & adult programs
Rev. Richard Bodin
905-775-7291
E.hollandmarshcra@rogers.com

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
53 Miller Park Ave., Bradford
905-775-3412
Sunday Service:
11:15 a.m.
Rev. Adrian Toms

Holy Marys of Jan Catholic Church
167 Essa St., Bradford
Sat. 5:00 p.m., 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m.,
11:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Confession:
12 hour before Sunday mass.

Bradford United Church
66 Barrie St.,
905-775-7268
Service - 11 am
Sunday School & Nursery
Available
www.bradforduc.com

St. Paul's Anglican Church
Oakville Hill
(NW corner of County Rd. #4 & 11th Line)
Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School with Service
289-231-3253

Bradford Community Church
Mid-week small group
905-776-0282, located on the S.E. corner of Hwy #11 & Conco 9
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Nursery - 8:00 to 9:30 Children 4-12 yrs

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100546 Balfour North of Hwy #1
11:00 am - Family Bible Hour
8:30 pm - Evening Service
7:30 pm Wed - Prayer - Bible Study
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Bradford Baptist Church
1624-10th Road
(2 km north of Holland St. W.)
9 a.m. - Portuguese Service
10:30 am - English Service
12:00 pm - Bible Program (Teleser-Cole Rd.)
Mid-week Youth Program & Portuguese Ministry
905-775-5700
www.bbvbcwv.ca



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

March 28 - Maundy Thursday liturgy, with Washing of Feet, 7:30pm

March 29 - Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, 10am. Liturgy at 10:45am

March 30 - Holy Saturday, Vigil service, 8pm

March 31 - Easter, the Sunday of the Resurrection! Choral Eucharist at 9am and 10:30am

TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH
62 CHURCH ST., BRADFORD
905-775-2200

Fundraisers

Shake it!

The 4th Annual Shake Your Boobies for Breast Cancer Dinner & Dance takes place at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford on Saturday, April 6, with cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., DJ, prizes and fun! Shake Your Boobies is a fundraiser for the 7-member Joe Mama 2 team, participating in the 60K Shoppers Drug Mart Weekend to End Women's Cancer walkathon, on September 7 and 8, benefiting Princess Margaret Hospital. Tickets are \$35 each - call Allison at 905-775-2410 or Sara, 905-775-4825.

Celebrate with Rotary

The Rotary Club of Innisfil is hosting a fundraising Gala Celebration by the Lake on Saturday, April 20, 2013 at the Kempenfelt Conference Centre, and plans to honour two community-minded residents - local "heroes" who have made a contribution - at the event.

The Gala will offer dining, dancing to a live band, Live and Silent Auctions, and prizes, all for only \$100 per person - and the funds raised will support community and international projects. Contact Anne Kell at annekell@gmail.com or 705-456-3528, or Susan Gilchrist, at sgilchrist@sympatico.ca or 705-436-4202.

Hold 'em with the Lions

There are only two more Beeton and Bond Head Lions Texas Hold 'Em poker tournaments, scheduled before the summer heat. The next tourney will take place Saturday, April 6 at the Bond Head Hall on County Rd. 27 (just south of 88), with registration beginning at 1 p.m., and the game at 2 p.m.

Format is the same as in previous tournaments with a \$40 buy-in, and all buy-in monies going to the prize pool. There will also be door prizes, and refreshments - try the jumbo hot dogs!

The final tourney will take place May 4.

Lions Clubs rely on fundraisers to be able to continue to give back to their communities. The Beeton and Bond Head Lions use the proceeds of the tournaments to support a wide range of community programs. All players are welcomed. For advance tickets or more information, call Ed at 905-775-5921 or ask any Beeton or Bond Head Lions.

Four Winds Kite Festival



Miriam King photo, Bradford Times

The Four Winds Kite Festival takes place at the Kortright Centre for Conservation, 9550 Pine Valley Drive On May 4 and 5. Kite enthusiasts from across Ontario will gather at Kortright, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Includes kite-tying demos, music, food, activities and hikes; regular admission.

Morris Road survey deferred

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury received a request to revisit access to Morris Road - and consider re-opening the intersection at Walker Avenue, to facilitate the movement of farm equipment.

The Walker access was originally closed to prevent some residents from using Morris Road - a narrow, poorly-maintained road along the edge of the Bradford Marsh - as a short-cut to Holland St. East.

Director of Engineering Debbie Korolnek proposed carrying out a survey of the residents of Morris Road, and of the intersections at Centre St. and Walker Ave., to determine if there is support for re-opening the access at Walker - and closing the road at Centre St. Councillor Peter Dykja suggested that the survey should include "all the people on Walker, as well as the people on Morris... (so) that we get as much input as possible."

Korolnek pointed out that the change

won't have much impact on traffic, and warned, "If you include a lot of people who don't care, you won't get a lot of input."

But Councillor Del Crake disagreed - suggesting that residents of Walker Ave. "do care, and they care strongly." Crake argued that the current access at Centre St. takes no hardship for farmers. "It takes only 10 minutes to go up and down Centre and into the Marsh," he said, reminding Council, "When we closed (Walker) there were certain circumstances and reasons that would... I don't want to be responsible for bodies in the canal. As far as I'm concerned, it should remain the status quo."

Councillor Gary Lamm suggested putting in a culvert to cross the canal, and linking Morris Rd. to the 6th Line, noting that the Town already owns the Road Allowance. "It's a more expensive solution," he admitted, but suggested that it would provide better access for farm

equipment.

Councillor Ron Simpson disagreed. "The Town doesn't own our Morris Road," he said, warning that connecting Morris Rd. to the 6th Line would "open up to through traffic again... Let's carry on with the survey, see what the results of the survey are."

In the end, Council voted to defer the issue, so that Korolnek could look into the 6th Line option - and determine what impact changes would have, if any, on a planned new Southwestern Arterial Road.

The initial report suggested that at least 50% of surveys would have to be returned, and a 2/3rds majority in favour of changes, before the access would be reconsidered - the same percentages that the Town has used in previous surveys, for issues that include changes to speed limits and on-street parking.

South Simcoe Police Service Report

South Simcoe Police have a message for drivers: Slow down, and pay attention.

Police recently investigated 3 collisions, involving personal injuries, in which neither weather nor road conditions played a role.

On March 21, a 2-vehicle collision at the intersection of County Rd. 4 (Yonge St.) and 89 (Shoresacres Drive) in Innisfil sent two people to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

At about 11:15 a.m. a Chevrolet Silverado Pickup truck was eastbound on County Rd. 89 when it struck a Honda Fit, northbound on Yonge St.

The two occupants of the Honda had to be extricated by Innisfil Fire & Emergency Rescue, and were transported to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The lone occupant of the Chevrolet, a 64 year old Innisfil resident, was treated at the scene - and subsequently charged with Careless Driving. Weather, road conditions

and alcohol were NOT factors in the collision, say police - and the only reason injuries were not more serious was because all occupants were wearing seatbelts, and airbags were deployed.

Also on March 24, South Simcoe Police were called to a collision on 20th Sideroad at the intersection with the 4th Line (Killarney Beach Rd.) Shortly before 5 p.m., a northbound vehicle stopped at the stop sign on the 20th, then proceeded into the intersection and struck an eastbound pick-up truck, causing the truck to lose control and roll over.

The 59 year old male driver of the pick-up truck and one of his passengers, a 47 year old male, suffered minor injuries and were transported to Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie by ambulance; a second passenger was treated at the scene and released.

The driver of the car, a 47 year old Brampton woman, was transported

to hospital as a precautionary measure; her two passengers children ages 2 and 3 - were treated at the scene by paramedics, and picked up by a guardian.

Through investigation, the driver of the pick-up truck received a 7-day WARN range suspension of his licence, after officers detected an odor of alcohol on his breath. The female driver was charged for Fail to Yield on a through Highway.

On March 25, the intersection of 20 Sideroad and the 4th Line Innisfil was the scene of another collision, when a southbound Kia failed to stop for the stop sign, entering the intersection and striking an eastbound Pontiac. The driver of the Pontiac and a passenger were treated on the scene for minor injuries. The driver of the Kia, a 67 year old Barrie male, was charged with Disobey Stop Sign - Fail to Stop under the Highway Traffic Act.

Bradford building activity "just average"

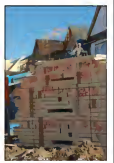
The year 2011 was a record-breaking year for construction in Bradford West Gwillimbury - with a total of 1,218 permits issued by the Building Department, for work totalling \$145 million in value. The permits generated almost \$1.94 million for the department, with another \$808,685 in other fees.

In comparison, 2012 was a disappointment. A report outlined a 42% drop in the number of permits issued, and a "significant reduction in overall construction activity."

That still means that 708 permits were issued last year, 428 of those for residential construction - still a huge

increase from the level of construction of 10 years ago, and "consistent with the 6 year average" of 426 residential building permits per year. Commercial/Industrial/Institutional permits totalled 50 - a more modest reduction from the 63 issued in 2011.

Value of the permits totalled \$98.48 million - and generated \$1,153 million in permit fees and \$321,864 in other fees. The coming year is expected to see building permit activity at the 6-year average level - although, noted the report to Council presented on March 19, construction will depend on weather and sewer allocation and availability.



Sports

Waving the flag, for Team Ontario



Wheelchair curler Ken Gregory and his Provincial Championship team were at the Rock 'n Roll Funspiel at the Bradford Curling Club, Feb. 16 - a fundraiser for Spinal Cord Injury Ontario. At the Spiel, guests were invited to make a donation and sign an Ontario flag - and on March 21, Curling Club Director Bob Kelsey presented the flag and the funds raised (totalling just over \$400, from the flag-signing, the club and the Super Seniors curlers) to Gregory. The Ontario team is at the National Championships in Ottawa this week, and Gregory promised, "we'll bring it (the flag) with us to the games." Follow the action at www.curling.ca/championship/wheelchair/

Curling corner: Sunday Sinners!

The Bradford Curling Club's Sunday Sinners, a mixed league that regularly curls on Sunday mornings, held its end-of-season championships and banquet on March 24 - Palm Sunday, appropriately enough.

The League, now in its 7th year, is sponsored by Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery, and boasts 2 Divisions - Garden and Gallery.

In Gallery Division, Runner-Up was Team Kemp - Norm, Lorraine, Jordan and Wally, and other family members who played over the course of the season.

Winner of the Gallery Trophy was the team of Shawn Amyotte, Bob Merkle, Bob Kelsey and Russ Gale. In Garden Division, Runner-Up was the team of Lynn and Maria Williamson, Mike Donnell and daughter Kimberly Donnell.

Winner of the Garden Trophy was the team of Peter Davy, Kendall Balchen, Rick Merasa and Wendy Wery - for a 4th year in a row.

But it will be the last year that Davy's team will take the trophy: at the banquet, Davy announced that he is retiring from the club, and moving to the Jackson's Point area. He received a standing ovation for his support for curling and the League - and was called an "outstanding cornerstone of the Bradford Curling Club."

"Quite frankly, I've loved the curling club," Davy said. "The Bradford Curling Club is probably one of the best, in terms of the social part. It's just a wonderful bunch of people."

He is looking for a dedicated volunteer to take over the League, and keep the Sunday Sinners in action.



Miriam King photos, Bradford Times

Above, from right, Peter Davy congratulates winners of the Gallery Division, Shawn Amyotte, Bob Merkle, Bob Kelsey and Russ Gale. Below, winners of the Garden Division of the Sunday Sinners League - Peter Davy, Kendall Balchen and Rick Merasa (missing - Wendy Wery), at the March 24 wrap-up.



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York-Simcoe Express AAA Minor Bantam hockey team won the 2013 OMHA Championship. The York-Simcoe has players from East Gwillimbury, Newmarket, Aurora, and from Bradford West Gwillimbury and surrounding areas.

Express wins OMHA gold

The York-Simcoe Express Minor Bantam AAA team participated in the OMHA Championship, on the March 16 weekend, and won Gold against the defending champions, the Quinte Devils.

York-Simcoe Express finished 1st overall in their ETA West Division - but lost to ETA East Division leaders Quinte during two regular season matches. In the Championship, the 5 tops teams in the OMHA competed - including the Brampton 45s, Oakville Rangers, and

Whitby Wildcats, as well as Quinte and the Express.

All teams participated in a 4-game round robin, to determine who would face off in the Final.

York-Simcoe won 3 of 4 games in the Round Robin, losing only to Quinte. But it was a different story in the Championship, when the Express took a 1-0 victory, in front of a capacity crowd. The team wins gold, and the right to host the OMHA Championship next season.

Bradford Rattler Report

The Temiskaming Titans handed the Bradford Rattlers Jr. A team their first defeat, in the 2012-2013 season - taking a 7-6 win in Game 1 of the Championship Final for the GMHL Russell Cup, on March 21.

The Titans fought their way into the Final round by defeating Bracebridge in 7 games - and scored the winning goal against Bradford in Overtime.

Bradford evened the series on March 23, with a 6-2 victory in Game 2, and took a one-game lead on March 24, with a 6-3 win.

But Temiskaming proved that they wouldn't be an easy match, storming back to take Game 4 by a 6-2 score, to even the series, 2-2.

Game 5 was scheduled for Wednesday night at the Bradford West Gwillimbury Leisure Centre, Game 6 for March 30 in Temiskaming, and Game 7 - if needed - for March 31, back in Bradford, as part of this exciting Championship final.

For more information, statistics and information on the teams, see gmhl.net. And come out to cheer on your Bradford Rattlers.

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Deaths

CROSS, VERONICA IRIS (RONNIE) died at Bradford Valley on Monday evening March 18, 2013 with Janet by her side and surrounded by the loving and caring staff. Predeceased by her beloved husband Dr. Dezzo F. Cross who served his communities as a pediatrician for over 50 years in Hungary, England and Canada, for many years in Semie, Ontario. Devoted mother of Janet Evans and her husband Bob Evans of Bradford. Adoring grandmother of Heather (Brian) Langford, Jacque (Ian) Thomas, Pam (Jeff) Gorecki, and Tim (Cassie) Evans. Loved by her great-grandchildren Emma, Gabriel, Reuben, Isaac, Boaz, Jubilee and Tashlan Langford; Liam, Aidan, Ewan and Lauren Thomas; Phoenix Gorecki; and Eleanor Veronica (Ella) Evans. Dear cousin of Maureen, Lisa and David. Fondly remembered by her English family, aunts Mary, niece Anna, Christine and Sarah and nephew Brian. Devoted friend of Ann Rhynduburger of Bradford who was supremely kind to Ronnie; her soulmate Mickey here of Semie with whom she spent many wonderful holidays in Canada, the U.S.A., Mexico and Australia; and Zuzsi, Szilasi and Kall of Europe, life-long friends that were forged in Budapest during World War II. Ronnie and Dezzo will be remembered for their courage, strength and determination in dealing with the challenges in their life, and for their very happy and successful life together. A family celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Bradford Valley Long Term Care Centre, Southlake Regional Health Centre, or the charity of your choice.

MARKWICK, William (Bill) - Passed away at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie 10:25pm on March 19, 2013 at the age of 87. Bill is predeceased by Marie his loving wife of 62 years. They were married in Calum, Ireland on February 1952. Bill is lovingly remembered by his son, Ian Markwick (Gifford), daughters, Ann Markwick (Toronto) and Shirley Muldoon (Calson East) and his grandchildren Derrick Markwick and Rebecca Muldoon. Bill was born in Crook County, Ireland, on August 11, 1925. He moved his family to Canada in 1965. Bill enjoyed horses and gardening along with community work in Bond Head, Bradford, Innisfil and Gifford. A reception/wake will take place at a later date in Gifford. Arrangements entrusted to the Innisfil Funeral Home. Condolences for the family may be offered online at markwickbill@hotmail.com

*A million times I've needed you
A million times I've cried,
If I could have saved you
You never would have died.
Things we feel most deeply
Are the hardest things to say,
My dearest one, I loved you,
In a very special way.
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I'd pray to God with all my heart
For yesterday and you.*

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*Everyday in some small way,
Memories of you come our way,
Though absent, you are always near,
Still missed, loved, always dear.*

You are forever in our hearts
Christine, Ryan, Jenny, Sienna, Matthew,
Stephanie

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Dear Mom/Gramma,

Four years have slipped away and with it has gone your wisdom, your warmth and caring and your knowledge about everything I had yet to learn. You were the thread that held us all together.
Trying so hard to follow in your footsteps.
Hope you and Dad are dancing to Glen Miller.
Love you always and forever, till Dad we miss him too.

TiI was met again,
Love Marilyn, Chad and Chris
P.S. Give Backie a kiss for me



Police Services Board responds

PSB from Page 1

said Innisfil Mayor and PSB member Barb Baguley, but she said she hoped he could "ballpark it".

The answer was no. Chief Beazley said it would be difficult to come up with "hard and fast numbers or even a ballpark figure," and PSB Vice Chair Sharon Villani agreed, noting, "I'm hesitant to direct the Chief to provide a costing for a police service that doesn't exist. I don't think it's his job." She suggested Innisfil hire a consultant to look at the costs at stand-alone costs, and the Board agreed it would not comply with the request "at this time."

White reiterated his opposition to any attempt to reopen the cost-sharing agreement, at least until after a decision has been made on the future of policing.

"I want to know, why is this important to Innisfil at this point? I just find this whole thing unhelpful and a waste of time. What I want to avoid is the feeling that some of my Council have at this time - that if we stay with South Simcoe, there's going to be an extra bill of \$1 million, and that's not helpful."

"It's important to my community," responded Mayor Baguley - adding that if the Board turned down the request for assistance in analysing the data, it wouldn't stop the process. "What will happen is the interpretation by a lay person... It will happen. It just won't happen with the help of a professional."

Despite a sometimes heated exchange, White told the Board that Innisfil and BWC are "best friends... We can speak to each other with the kind of candour best friends can."

Villani, chairing the meeting, and new PSB member Rod Hicks sided with Innisfil's Mayor, and authorized Chief Beazley to provide input to Innisfil. Villani supported the appearance of the Chief before the Town Councils, but said she would be attending as well, to represent the Board. "There are certain issues of governance that I feel should be brought to the attention of both," she said.

White replied that the key issues were not governance, but service levels and cost. He noted that the OPP Costing presented to BWG appeared to show savings of almost \$1.8 million. "At the end of the day, that's an enormous amount of money to the Town. That's the equivalent to a 10% tax increase." He urged South Simcoe Police to focus not on governance, but on narrowing the gap in the price tag. "With all due respect... the presentation will show that you are getting value," said Villani.

"We're happy with the service level - that's never been the question," White responded. "We can ask 1000 questions, but at the end of the day, those are the 2 things - service level, cost."

Advisor Duane Sprague explained that the Ontario Civilian Police Commission

responds to any "Section 40 Abolition" request based on the answers to two questions: does the proposed new arrangement appear to provide adequate and effective policing, and does the arrangement treat current employees in a fair and reasonable manner? It's a 2 or 3 step process, Sprague told the Board. The first step would be for the municipalities to send the Commission a resolution to abolish the South Simcoe Police and enter into a policing

alternative with the OPP. Information provided must address "all relevant issues" - spelling out the process, the proposal, and describing public input. The OPCP will then schedule public hearings, seeking input from Councils, the OPP, the Police Services Board, South Simcoe Police Association, Chief, and the public. "It's a very complicated process. In many, many ways, you folks are facing. It's a long, complicated, and very serious proposal."

Only at the end of the process, will the OPCP issue a decision.

"Has OPCP ever even turned down a request for disbandment?" asked Mayor Baguley. "Very seldom," Sprague said, although he noted that the amalgamated South Simcoe Police Service presents a "somewhat unique" situation. "There is no cookie-cutter solution."

If, for example, BWG wants to disband the South Simcoe Police and Innisfil does not, the Commission won't grant permission until it can be shown that Innisfil will still have "adequate and effective" policing. "Otherwise we would not allow Innisfil to be out there hanging."

The discussion prompted Mayor White to say, "I continue to be frustrated by the Police Services Act, because what it means to me is that money is dug out of taxpayers' pockets... Surely a municipality has the right to choose its own destiny when it comes to who polices it."

White noted that elected officials are "in the minority on this Board. When it comes to accountability for our residents, that's impeded, not helped, by the Police Services Act."

"The (appointed) members of this Board, we are just as concerned as the elected members," Villani retorted. "I find your comments to be insulting."

She suggested that a resolution directing the Chief of Police to co-operate with a new joint task force set up by the municipalities to look into transition costs, would be unnecessary - but was overruled by a majority vote.

And when White suggested that the Towns have had difficulty in getting information on collective agreements from Chief Beazley, Villani said, "Those aren't his documents to release. They are the documents of the Board."

In the end, the resolutions passed; information and presentations will be forthcoming. **Photo: Duane Sprague.**

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